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Technology Activity

Safe and Responsible Internet Use

**Based on the information provided in the websites what *Internet safety rules* would you teach upper elementary and middle school students?**

I would include rules such as: do not reveal your name or any other personal information or passwords to anyone that you do not know online, choose passwords that would be hard to guess, do not engage in conversation with others online that make you uncomfortable, immediately delete emails from people you do not know, bullying online or otherwise is wrong and it should be reported, tell your guardian or teacher when you encounter harmful or inappropriate information, choose your privacy settings, never send pictures of yourself to anyone you do not know online, do not take or send inappropriate pictures of yourself, never meet anyone in person that you met online alone, tell someone if you ever feel uncomfortable or scared with anything that you encounter online, and most importantly think before you act.

**Based on the information provided in the websites what safety procedures would you teach older students about *social networking*?**

I would teach students the importance of being careful on sites such as these. First, students should choose a username that is gender neutral and unrelated to the students’ names. The only person that needs to know your personal information is you and your guardian. Second, they should know what is and is not appropriate etiquette online. It is not okay to bully others or be bullied. Such actions should be reported, as should inappropriate language. It is also not okay to engage in vulgar or sexual conversations. Third, they should know that it is never okay to send or receive inappropriate pictures or meet unknown people in person. Fourth, they should know to tell their teacher when they encounter anything taboo online.

**Based on the information provided in the websites what safety procedures would you teach middle and high school students about** ***cyber bullying*?**

Cyber bullying is verbal abuse that occurs online or through texts one’s phone and this should be clarified to students. I would teach students first and foremost that bullying is cruel and will not be tolerated. No one should bully or be bullied by others. It can be prevented by making their username unrelated to your name or gender. Also, they should only engage in conversation with people that they know. If someone speaks to them inappropriately, they should ignore that person and tell an adult. If the actions persist, they should block that person and once again tell an adult. If the problem is severe, the school should be notified and evidence should be shown.

**Based on the information provided in the websites what safety procedures would you teach older students about *sexting*? Consider the definition of sexting, possible consequences for the person who sends sexual messages, and how to report sexually inappropriate content.**

Sexting is the passing back and forth of sexual conversation or pictures through texts on one’s phone and this should be clarified to students. I would teach students that this is extremely inappropriate. They also need to understand that just because they believe that they are sending these texts to one person does not mean that the content will not reach a number of people. One mistake could result in shame, legal problems, and/or expulsion. I would most likely share some true stories with them so they understand the depth of this act. If someone sends them sexually inappropriate messages or images, they should know to tell an adult and make a report to [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com/) if the content is illegal.

**Based on the information provided in the websites what safety procedures would you teach middle and high school students about *cyber security*? Consider the dangers from hackers, viruses, and spyware and precautions students can take to avoid these dangers.**

Students should understand how important it is to keep their personal information safe. They should never give their name, address, phone number, etc. They should also not reveal their guardian’s information, especially credit card information and their address. People can steal your identity as well as your money. Also, they should never open emails from people that they do not know or click on any links that could possibly be in the email. They should know what viruses are, how they occur, and the dangers they can cause. They should know about different programs that are available to decrease and even eliminate junk mail as well as inappropriate content. The students can prevent their security being breached by keeping their personal information secret, not engaging in conversations with people they do not know, arranging the privacy settings, and choosing a password that would be difficult to guess.